

FRENCH MAKE FURTHER GAINS ON THE SOMME FRONT

RELIGIOUS ISSUE INDUCTED INTO G.O.P. CAMPAIGN FILM APPEALING TO CATHOLICISM

Nuns Assaulted in Picture Which Shows Wilson Asleep at Desk While "Mexican Ravages" Go On. HUGHES ALLIANCE MAKES LIKE APPEAL IN LETTER Roosevelt Data Said to be Basis—And Everett Colby, Asst. Nat'l Chairman Proclaims It "Corker."

News-Times Special Service: NEW YORK, Sept. 18.—Religion is to be injected into the political campaign by the republican national committee within the next week according to present plans through the instrumentality of a moving picture based on a scenario written by Hal Reid and produced by Mr. Reid assisted by Everett Colby, former progressive state senator of New Jersey, and now an active member of the republican national campaign committee. The film will be turned over to the republican national committee by Mr. Reid and if present plans are not changed will be distributed throughout the country by the national committee, the picture to be displayed under the auspices of or by arrangement with the various republican state committees. In addition to bringing a religious issue into the campaign, the picture of which Mr. Reid is very proud, and which Mr. Colby asserts is "a corker," constitutes an attack upon the president of the United States, unique in conception, and amazing in its development. One of the chief scenes of this photoplay shows a group of Catholic nuns fleeing in terror from a band of Villa's forces a convent in Mexico. They are overtaken, seized by the Mexican bandits, and dragged into the underground screaming and protesting.

Blow at the President. Instantly there is flashed on the screen a picture showing President Woodrow Wilson at his desk in Washington, his head resting on his arm asleep. This is but one of the so-called "historical scenes" which Reid's photoplay shows. There are many others, the historical accuracy of which might be questioned. It is in this scene, however, that the religious question is brought prominently to the fore, though in a subtle manner. That this is not mere accident or case of oversight on the part of the photoplaywright, would seem to be clearly indicated by another campaign incident of the last week. The Hughes alliance, a subsidiary to the republican national committee, having offices in the same building as the committee at number 511 Fifth av., has as its honorary chairman, Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr. Miss Alice Carpenter is the chairman, and among the women connected with the organization are Mrs. William R. Cox, Miss Anne Morgan, Mrs. Elton H. Hooker, Mrs. E. Tiffany Dyer and Mrs. James B. Reynolds. The "group chairman" is Mrs. Noble McConnell. Wrote About "Atrocities." There has come into possession of the New York World a circular letter sent out from the alliance headquarters last Monday signed by Mrs. McConnell. It is addressed "Dear Madam" and reads in part "Do you know what the election of Charles Evans Hughes means to this country? It means first of all protection to our people, particularly in Mexico. Stop to think a minute of the horrors perpetrated there, while Mr. Wilson does the watchful waiting act, the diplomatic letter act, and all the other disgusting acts; while we sit helpless and appalled at the atrocities taking place there. "And when you think of the outrages committed in the convents, no matter what your belief is, your blood must run cold at the thought of what those women whose lives are dedicated to Almighty God, suffered and are suffering. One cannot think of this phase of it without being utterly disgusted with the present administration."

Just a few days before this letter was sent out, possibly when it was being prepared, Reid and his band of "movie" actors, some of them members of the national guard of this state, were staging the horrors "that make the blood run cold," Mrs. Hal Reid taking the principle part. But the staging was not done in Mexico. It was done at Sheepshead bay, New York. The residents of the immediate locality were horrified by the scene when the soldiers dragged the alleged nuns into the

Spain Turns to U.S. For Aid to Regain Power

International News Service: WASHINGTON, Sept. 18.—Spain, once the mightiest power in trade on the seven seas, is seeking to regain her international prestige and is looking to the United States for aid. King Alfonso who, throughout his reign, has been known as an admirer of American progressiveness, has laid out a pretentious campaign to take advantage of the opportunities for expanded trade the European war has given his nation, official advice from Madrid say. Prior to the war goods from Germany filled the Spanish market. The Spanish people now are using American products and are said to be better satisfied with them. King Alfonso is planning to send trade commissions to this country to study American business methods.

SIMPLE FUNERAL SERVICE IS HELD

President Not in Favor of Draping of Buildings at Columbia in Black.

International News Service: COLUMBIA, S. C., Sept. 18.—The funeral service today over the remains of Mrs. Annie Josephine Howe, wife of the late Dr. George J. Howe of Columbia, and sister of President Wilson, was beautifully simple. The train arrived at 11:20 and services were held at noon in the First Presbyterian church. There were two scripture readings by the pastor, Rev. A. W. Blackwood, a prayer by Rev. Thornton Whiting, D.D., president of Columbia seminary, and three hymns by a quartet. Only the immediate family and a few close friends had seats reserved. An offer by authorities of the city for the closing of business houses and draping of buildings in black was thought by the president to be not in character with the simplicity aimed at in his visit under the circumstances and there was no notice taken officially of the chief executive's presence in the city. The party will leave for Washington at 6:15 over the Seaboard line.

AUTO HIT BY TRAIN

Four People Lose Lives in Accident Near Erie, Pa.

International News Service: ERIE, Pa., Sept. 18.—Four lives were snuffed out today when a touring car owned by Percy Saeger of Pittsburgh, was hit at Girard Junction, North Springfield, by a New York Central train. The dead are: Mrs. Percy Saeger, Pittsburgh; Mrs. K. Shipman, a daughter; Miss Maude Shipman, a daughter. A negro chauffeur, name unknown. The three women were killed instantly. The bodies of Mrs. Shipman and her daughter were hurled 45 yards through the air.

NEW CABINET MEETS

Greek Premier Holds Conference With Allies' Ministers.

International News Service: ATHENS, Sept. 18.—Ministers of the entente allies conferred for several hours with Premier Calogeropoulos on Sunday. Subsequently the premier visited King Constantine and early today a session of the new cabinet was held. That important developments are in prospect is the general belief in official circles.

GEN. A. L. MILLS DEAD

Death Due to Overwork as Result of Call to Militia.

International News Service: WASHINGTON, Sept. 18.—Major Gen. Albert L. Mills, chief of the militia division of the war department, collapsed from the strain he has been under since the calling out of the militia and died of pneumonia here this afternoon.

ANOTHER BATTLE NEAR

International News Service: EL PASO, Tex., Sept. 18.—The battered remnants of Pancho Villa's army is attempting to circle around Chihuahua City preparatory to attacking it from the west, according to advices received here shortly before noon today from Chihuahua. There has been no fighting since early Sunday.

MAIL SYSTEM TO END DELAY, BRITISH PLAN

Commercial Adviser Trying to Find Method That Will Satisfy American Business Men. GERMAN FIRMS WANT CONTRACTS CARRIED OUT

Insist That Goods Made to American Orders be Accepted—United States Will Not Join Holland.

International News Service: WASHINGTON, Sept. 18.—The International situation today loomed up materially complicated. With British interference with American trade being strengthened all along the line, pressure for retaliatory measures by this government was increasing. And, to add to the complications, comes the announcement through German sources that manufacturers there—undoubtedly acting under orders from the government—are demanding acceptance of goods made to American orders under contract.

In connection with the latter proposition cable advices from Berlin say that the wants of the American firms in Germany whose liability runs well into the millions, have made an appeal for relief to Ambassador Gerard, who is forwarding the facts here for the benefit of the state department and President Wilson. It finally has been decided by the state department not to take any action regarding the retaliatory measures permitted under the recently adopted revenue act until the full resources of diplomacy are exhausted. The department is cooperating with the treasury and commerce departments. Takes Up Question. Within the last few days Secy Lansing has had the entire trade question up again with Ambassador Spring-Rice, while Counselor Polk has discussed it with the legal representatives of the British embassy. As a result of these conferences Sir Richard Crawford, special commercial adviser of the embassy here, is endeavoring to work out a mail system which will remove the majority of the causes for the delay which has so exasperated American business men. He will confer in New York with a legal representative of the American importing and exporting firms during this week. Will Offer Suggestions. At these conferences he will submit several suggestions for cooperation, the adoption of any of which, officials of the embassy here say, will make it possible for commercial mail to be passed through the British censor's office while a vessel is lying detained in Kirkwall harbor, thus allowing the mail to go right through without being detained from three weeks to two months as at present. He also will endeavor to adjust the troubles of the dealers in foreign exchange so that cable delays which have cost American bankers thousands of dollars can be obviated. The state department still is awaiting complete details of the new British restrictions on American commerce with Holland and the Scandinavian countries. Until all the facts are available no action will be taken by this government. It was intimated, however, that there would be no "joint protest" no matter what the facts may be. While this government will gladly keep Holland advised of its every move, the policy settled upon is understood to be one of complete independence in international affairs.

Model Young Man of Gary Steals \$40,000

International News Service: EAGLE LAKE, Wis., Sept. 18.—Harry P. Daugherty, who was noted in his home town of Gary, Ind., as "a model young man," started back there today in the custody of Chief of Police Heinz. Daugherty is charged with embezzling close to \$40,000 from the Gary State bank, where he worked as a bookkeeper. When arrested here he had \$1,790 and, according to the police, readily confessed his crime. Daugherty didn't drink, smoke, chew or swear. After he left on his vacation this summer a shortage of \$35,000 was found in his accounts. He came back and helped to cover his books. Then, when a favorable opportunity presented itself, he gathered up all the loose cash in sight and disappeared. He was found here after a two weeks' search by detectives. He was satisfying his one hobby—hunting—and had several high priced guns and shooting togs.

SEVERAL INJURED IN STRIKE RIOTS

Four Women Are Arrested as Mob Leaders—Delay General Walkout.

International News Service: NEW YORK, Sept. 18.—Rioting of considerable violence marked the early hours of the 10th day of the traction strike. Several persons were injured and four women accused of leading one of the mobs were arrested. Bitter feeling is steadily increasing on both sides, but the general aspects of the situation improved today when Pres't T. V. O'Connor of the Longshoremen's union announced that though he had been authorized to call a sympathetic strike of his followers, he would take no action until Thursday. In the three days intervening it is expected that earnest steps having for their aim the restoration of peace Mayor Mitchell and four of the labor leaders now playing a prominent part in the struggle, scheduled for today, was regarded as of the highest importance in this connection. This conference was sought by the labor leaders and Mayor Mitchell was kept in complete ignorance of its purpose. Timothy Healy, president of the Firemen's union, arranged for the conference. The other labor leaders who arranged to attend the meeting were T. W. Fitzgerald, organizer of the Amalgamated association of Street and Electric Railway Employees; Pres't O'Connor of the Longshoremen's union; Ernest Bohm, secretary of the General Federation of the American Federation of Labor. Today's violence opened with attacks on elevated trains and rioting at McLean and Webster av. in the Bronx. The Bronx clash was precipitated when Policeman George Barrsday attempted to disperse a crowd that had gathered. He was immediately attacked.

PLAN BUSINESS WAR

American Business Interests to Enter Chinese Markets.

International News Service: WASHINGTON, Sept. 18.—A comprehensive campaign of American trade extension in China has been organized by the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce of the department of commerce. Commercial officials believe that the Japanese aggressions can be offset, in some degree at least, by inducing American merchants and manufacturers to enter Chinese markets now largely monopolized by Japan products. Who Will Entertain Centennial Visitors? It is expected the great Indiana centennial observance in south Bend Oct. 3, 4 and 5 will attract to the city many thousands of visitors more than the hotels can accommodate with sleeping quarters. Those in charge therefore request all persons who will receive visitors into their homes to immediately send their names and addresses to centennial headquarters, Chamber of Commerce, addressed "Committee on Accommodations." With each name and address should be the following information: Number of persons who can be accommodated. Whether rooms only will be provided. If meals will also be furnished, which meals. Charge per person for rooms. Charge per person for meals. The committee requires this information at once.

VILLA FORCE IS DEFEATED; LEADER FLEES

Firing Squads on Monday Continued to Execute Men Taken in Battle at Chihuahua. CARRANZA SOLDIERS PLANNED TO DESERT

Victory Adds to Carranza's Strength—Mexicans Want Troops Ordered Back Across Border.

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International News Service: WASHINGTON, Sept. 18.—That Carranza has materially been strengthened by the battle at Chihuahua, City in which it is claimed some 400 Villistas were killed, was the opinion of officials of the war and state departments today. They said that the disaffected bandit generals who recently have thrown their lot with Villa had depended on the capture of the city to rehabilitate themselves. Had the movement been successful, and Villa seized the hoped-for foothold in the northern city hundreds of Carranzista soldiers and former followers of both Villa and Orozco would have rallied to his cause. The contrary now is expected to be the case. Trevino's victory will greatly strengthen Carranza in the disoriented north, while it is expected that the forces of the bandits will disintegrate. The official reports received here from Consul Gen. Rodgers in Mexico City bear out the press dispatches that Villa's attack failed through the superior strategy of Trevino. The assault was a surprise and the attacking forces were able to get control of the federal and municipal palaces and the penitentiary. However, in anticipation of the attack, Trevino had massed his men and guns at strategic points and as soon as he was able to assume personal command the bandits were driven out with heavy losses.

WANT WITHDRAWAL

NEW LONDON, Conn., Sept. 18.—Getting down to real business in the matter of a border patrol, the Mexican-American joint commission found some snags ahead today. The Mexicans manifested some impatience at the continued stay of the American forces in Chihuahua. The Americans very frankly said they thought Mexico ought to do a big share of the guarding, but in the same breath declared that some allowance must be made for inability to come up to American expectations. The Mexican temper plainly was in opposition to much dalliance. The Carranza commissioners felt that the United States ought to withdraw the forces and remove a source of irritation in Mexico. In view of this spirit it is probable that they will press the question to a conclusion and insist if necessary that this is the most important question at issue, from their standpoint.

First Meeting of Naval Board is Set For Tuesday

International News Service: WASHINGTON, Sept. 18.—The naval consulting board, of which Thomas A. Edison is chairman, will hold its first meeting as an organization of official standing with Secy of the Navy Daniels tomorrow, the navy department announced today. The board then will be organized as a permanent part of the navy department. Its first official work will be to select a site for the \$1,500,000 naval laboratory authorized in the new navy appropriations. Secy Daniels will take the members of the board to the southern naval drill grounds on the yacht Dolphin tonight, where they will witness target practice by the Atlantic fleet Wednesday.

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BULGARS ARE DRIVEN BACK BY SERBIANS

Smash Second Line in Western Macedonia, According to Saloniki—Take Ten Machine Guns. BULGARIANS KEEP UP ROUMANIAN ADVANCE

Additional Gains Made by the British in the Last 28 Hours—French Troops Are Advancing.

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International News Service: PARIS, Sept. 18.—French troops have enlarged their gains south of the Somme and southwest of Peronne, the war office announced today, by advancing east of Berny, Denicourt has been surrounded. German counter-attacks at Clerf, Berny and Denicourt have been repulsed and the French have taken 1,200 prisoners. A trench near Clerf has also been taken by the French. International News Service: LONDON, Sept. 18.—The Italians have broken through the third Austrian line in the Monfalcone sector and are fiercely fighting their way to Trieste, according to an Exchange telegraph dispatch from Rome. International News Service: SOFIA, Sept. 18.—Serbian troops have smashed the second Bulgarian line of defense in western Macedonia, it was officially announced here tonight. The Bulgar positions are now firmly in the hands of the Serbians. On their defeat west of Lake Ortrovo the Bulgarians retreated to a strongly fortified line along the heights of Kaimaktashalan, but these the Serbians captured together with a large quantity of supplies. The official announcement of the new Serbian victory follows: "The Serbians have captured the second line of Bulgarian trenches at Kaimaktashalan. They took 10 machine guns and a large quantity of war material." BULGARS ADVANCE. International News Service: SOFIA, Sept. 18.—Advance of Bulgarian troops and their allies into the Dobruja province of Roumania continues, the war office announced today. There has been hard fighting at several points, the enemy suffering "enormous losses." Repulse of enemy attacks on the Macedonian front is also reported. MAKE GAINS. LONDON, Sept. 18.—British troops on the Somme front have made some additional gains during the last 24 hours, according to the official report issued this afternoon, but the general situation remains unchanged. The British line has been advanced farther east of Courcellette, while south of Thepval additional German trenches have been captured. TURKS DEFEATED. LONDON, Sept. 18.—Turkish troops were defeated by a British flying column 65 miles east of the Suez canal on Sunday, the war office announced today. The attack came as a complete surprise to the Turks, who were led by German officers, and they suffered heavy losses. The war office statement describes the fight which followed a forced march of 65 miles by the British as follows: "On the Egyptian front a mobile column of Anzac (Australian and New Zealand army corps) mounted troops and a camel corps with artillery left Birel-Abd Sept. 16 to make a reconnaissance westward of El Arish. The column reached the enemy positions at Birel-Mazar, 65 miles from the canal, at dawn on Sunday. "A sharp engagement followed during which we penetrated the enemy trenches at several points and inflicted considerable casualties, while the artillery shelled the enemy camps. The attack surprised the Turks. "Our aircraft fired on several ties, amongst whom were German officers. "Riding rapidly back to we took some prisoners. "Our casualties were slight."

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